



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 22, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Temperatures dropped during the week, leading to first frosts in some counties. The majority of the state received no rain for the week, enabling producers to make swift work of winter wheat planting and peanut harvesting. Cotton and soybean harvesting progressed as crop maturity allowed.

Fall greens and vegetable crops have been in very good condition statewide. However, producers in the Lowcountry have had difficulty controlling insect populations in fall crops. Brassicas have grown especially well with the mild temperatures. Other than some root rot issues, disease and pest pressure has been relatively low this fall in the Pee Dee region. In the Midlands, the caterpillar population and its crop damage have been on the rise in brassicas. Early season growth of strawberries has been impressive so far. However, strawberries in some locations have shown slight damage from phytophthora, likely brought on by the previous week's heavy rains.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/22/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	90	59	68	75
Peanuts - Harvested.....	97	83	90	86
Soybeans - Harvested.....	47	44	57	52
Winter wheat - Planted....	34	38	58	44
Winter wheat - Emerged..	21	22	38	25

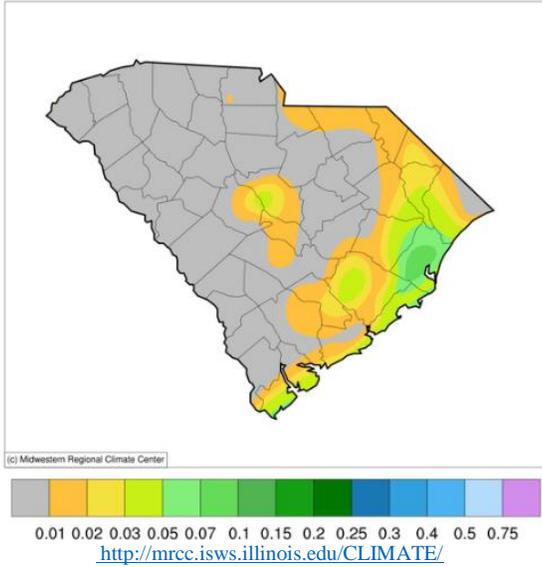
Conditions for Week Ending 11/22/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	20	60	14
Pasture and range..	1	7	27	57	8
Soybeans	6	12	13	41	28

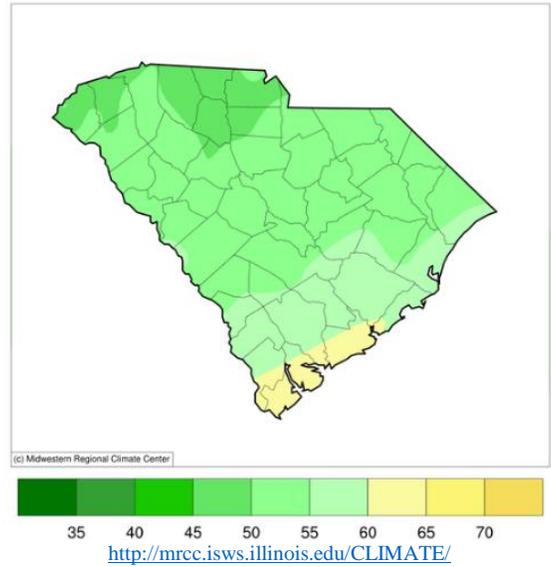
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/22/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	3	9
Adequate.....	52	75
Surplus.....	44	15
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	5	6
Adequate.....	55	69
Surplus.....	40	25

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 16, 2020 to November 22, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
November 16, 2020 to November 22, 2020



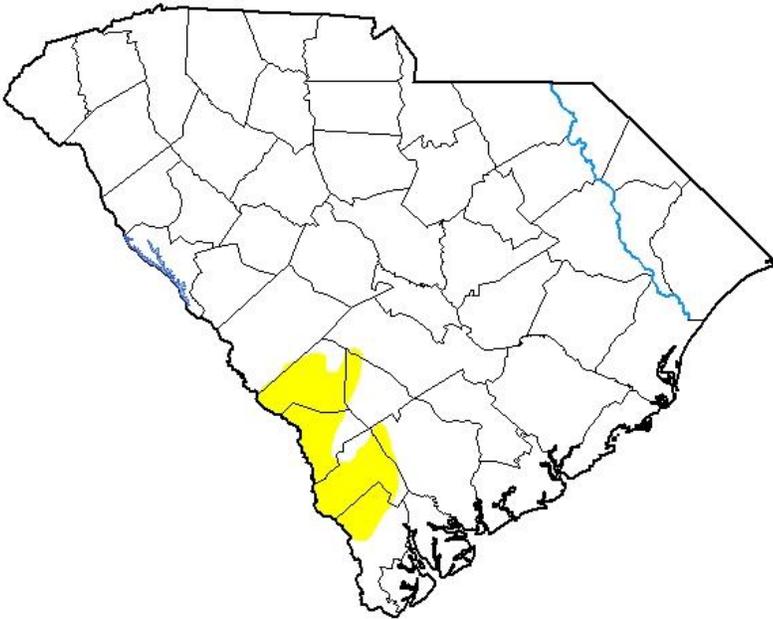
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

November 17, 2020
(Released Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.76	5.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-10-2020	91.10	8.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-18-2020	90.75	9.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-19-2019	36.64	63.36	36.42	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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